

MANAGEMENT OF UNSEALED AND UNCONSTRUCTED ROADS POLICY

1. Scope

The Management of Unsealed and Unconstructed Roads Policy (this 'Policy') applies to unsealed and unconstructed roads under Council's jurisdiction.

2. Purpose

This Policy identifies principles to inform and guide the management of requests to:

- a) upgrade parts of Council's unsealed road network; and
- b) construct unconstructed road reserves.

3. References (legislation/related documents)

Legislative reference

Local Government Act 2009 ss 9, 60, 262

Related documents

Intermittent Sealing of Unsealed Rural Roads Procedure

Opening Unconstructed Roads Procedure

Upgrading Unsealed Urban Fringe and Rural Village Roads to Sealed Standard Procedure

Upgrading Unsealed Rural Roads to a Higher Standard Procedure

Upgrading Unsealed Rural Roads to Sealed Standard Procedure

4. Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Council	Livingstone Shire Council
Local Government Area	As defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Road	As defined in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Unconstructed Road	Is either a completely unformed road or a formed road that does not have gravel paving, but which is formed using a grader or similar machinery so that stormwater drains off laterally.
Unsealed Roads	A road of which the surface has not been permanently sealed by the use of one of several treatments, often of composite construction.
Unsealed Road Network	The system of unsealed roads located in Council's local government area.

5. Policy Statement

From time to time Council receives requests to upgrade parts of its unsealed road network and construct unconstructed roads.

- 1) Maintenance, construction and upgrading of the unsealed road network is based on a number of adopted service levels and procedures that reflect Council's desire to:
 - a) treat ratepayers equitably in the allocation of maintenance services; and
 - b) manage road assets against competing interests and within budget constraints.
- 2) To ensure Council applies a consistent approach to each request and the allocation of funding is fair and equitable, Council will develop procedures to guide the assessment of such requests.
- 3) Procedures developed to address requests for upgrading parts of the unsealed road network or to construct unconstructed roads will be guided by the following principles:
 - a) Measurable and transparent assessment frameworks that facilitate consistent assessments will be applied to all requests;
 - b) Criteria that enables requests to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner will be established to guide responsive and informed decision making;
 - c) Processes will be instructive and provide clear direction and a systematic approach to prioritising projects for inclusion in the Capital Works Program; and
 - d) Community expectations will be considered to facilitate the effective management of the unsealed road network and unconstructed roads.

6. Changes to this Policy

This Policy is to remain in force until any of the following occur:

1. The related information is amended/replaced; or
2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by Council

7. Repeals/Amendments

This Policy repeals Livingstone Shire Council Policies titled:

- a) 'Upgrading of Unsealed Rural Roads to Sealed Standard Policy (v2)';
- b) 'Intermittent Sealing of Unsealed Rural Roads Policy (v3)';
- c) 'Upgrading of Unsealed Rural Roads to a Higher Standard Policy (v2)'; and
- d) 'Opening of Unconstructed Roads Policy (v2)'.

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1.0	21/12/2021	Adopted
2.0	15/03/2022	Amended Policy – Corrections to Repeals/Amendments Section adopted by Council

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